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TITLE OF INVENTION: NETWORK DEVICE, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING LIST OF CONTROLLED DEVICES

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to _06/24/2009_.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are _13-26,28,, 31-34, 36-38, 39-40, 42,45,46,47,48,50-53_ .

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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<u>EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT</u>

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher J Bezak on 09/08/09.

Please amend claim 13,16,20,21,26,31-34,36,37,40,42,45-48,50 and cancel claims 1-12, 35, 49.

<u>Listing of Claims</u>

1-12.   (canceled).

13.   (currently amended): A network system, comprising:

a control point which transmits discovery packets to search for devices existing in a network, receive response messages thereto and control the devices existing in the network; and

controlled devices, each of which receives notify messages transmitted from other controlled devices connected in the network, wherein each of the notify messages includes an operational state of the transmitting controlled device, generates, stores and

manages a list of service information on the operational state of all controlled devices

connected in the network, through the received notify messages, and searches and

transmits service information on a controlled device requested by the control point to the

control point,

 wherein the control point comprises a cache which stores information regarding

devices on the network,

 wherein each controlled device generates a token, transfers the generated token

to another controlled device, and manages the token, the token transferring comprising:

  checking, by the controlled device, the number of controlled devices in the

list of controlled devices stored in the controlled device;

  if it is determined that the number of controlled devices in the list is more

than two, transferring the token and the stored list of controlled devices to

another controlled device;

  checking whether a response message is received from the other

controlled device and operating a self-timer of the controlled device; and

  if the response message is received from the other controlled device,

stopping the self-timer and operating a waiting timer of the controlled device; and

if the response message is not received from the other controlled device:

  the controlled device deletes the other controlled device, which has not

transmitted the response message, from the list of controlled devices; and

  the controlled device notifies a control point that the controlled device,

which has not transmitted the response message, does not exist in the network.

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14.   (previously presented): The system as claimed in claim 13, wherein each controlled device comprises:

a message receiving module which receives notify messages transmitted from the controlled devices connected in the network;

a device list management module which collects the service information regarding the controlled devices connected in the network and which creates and manages a list of service information of all the controlled devices connected in the network, wherein the service information includes the operational state of each of the controlled devices; and

a control module which searches for service information of a specific controlled device, which has been requested by the control point, in the device list management module and which transmits the searched information to the control point.

15.   (original): The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the message receiving module receives a search message transmitted from the control point.

16.   (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 13, wherein each controlled device further comprises a token management module which generates the token, transfers the generated token to another controlled device and manages the token.

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17.   (original): The system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the control module

responds to an information request message from the control point by checking whether

the token is present in the controlled devices.

18.   (original): The system as claimed in claim 17, wherein the checking of the

presence of the token comprises using state information on the controlled devices.

19.   (original): The system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the state

information is any one of an initial state, an active state and a stop state.

20.   (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 16, further

comprising a timer management module operable to create the self-timer, wherein when

a token managed by a token management module is transferred to another controlled

device, the self-timer checks a response time of the other controlled device to which the

token is transferred.

21.   (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 20, wherein the

timer management module creates the waiting timer, and the waiting timer determines

the total circulation time of the token for controlled devices existing in the network.

22.   (previously presented): The system as claimed in claim 16, wherein each

controlled device further comprises a negotiation module which controls the validity of

each token when a plurality of tokens are present in the controlled devices existing in

the network.

23.   (previously presented): The system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the

negotiation module determines whether the plurality of tokens are present by using

state information of each controlled device.

24.   (previously presented): The system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the

negotiation module controls the validity of each token by comparing the numbers of

controlled devices in lists of controlled devices stored in respective controlled devices

having the tokens.

25.   (original): The system as claimed in claim 24, wherein if the numbers of

controlled devices in the lists held by the controlled devices are the same, the

negotiation module controls the validity of each token by comparing the sums of

network remaining duration times of the respective controlled devices registered in the

lists.

26.   (currently amended): A method of providing a list of controlled devices,

comprising:

receiving notify messages from controlled devices connected in a network,

wherein each of the notify messages includes an operational state of the transmitting

controlled device;

collecting service information regarding the controlled devices connected in the

network through the received notify messages and generating a list of controlled

devices, wherein the list of controlled devices includes the operational state of each of

the controlled devices;

receiving an information request message for a specific controlled device;

searching for information regarding the specific controlled device for which the

information request message is received, in the generated list; ~

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transmitting the information regarding the searched specific controlled device

generating a token by each controlled device;

transferring the token to another controlled device, wherein the token transferring

comprises:

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checking, by the controlled device, the number of controlled devices in the

list of controlled devices stored in a device list management module of the

controlled device;

if it is determined that the number of controlled devices in the list is more

than two, transferring the token and the stored list of controlled devices to

another controlled device;

checking whether a response message is received from the other

controlled device and operating a self-timer of the controlled device; and

if the response message is received from the other controlled device,

stopping the self-timer and operating a waiting timer of the controlled device; and

if the response message is not received from the other controlled device:

deleting, by the controlled device, the other controlled device, which has

not transmitted the response message, from the list of controlled devices stored

in the device list management module; and

notifying, by the controlled device, a control point that the controlled

device, which has not transmitted the response message, does not exist in the

network.

27.   (canceled).

28.   (original): The method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the searching is

performed when the token is present in the controlled device as a result of checking

whether the token is present in the controlled device.

29-30. (canceled).

31.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the list

transferring comprises modifying the list of controlled devices so the controlled device

which has transferred the list becomes the last in the list, and identifying a controlled

device, which has recorded as the first in the modified list, as a controlled device to

which the list will be transferred.

32.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the

self-timer determines a response time of the other controlled device to which the token

is transferred.

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33.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the

waiting timer determines the total circulation time of the token for controlled devices

existing in the network.

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34.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 26, further

comprising:

        if a token is not received from other controlled devices even after the operation of

the waiting timer is completed, automatically generating a token.

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35.   (canceled).

36.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 26, further

comprising:

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if the response message is not received from the other controlled device,

transferring the token and the stored list of controlled devices to a further controlled

device by the controlled device.

37.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 26, further

comprising:

if a plurality of tokens are present in controlled devices existing in the network,

performing negotiation for controlling the validity of each token.

38.   (original): The method as claimed in claim 37, wherein the negotiation

comprises:

controlling the validity of each token by comparing the numbers of controlled

devices in lists of controlled devices held by the respective controlled devices having

the tokens.

39.   (original): The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein the negotiation

further comprises:

if the numbers of controlled devices in the lists of controlled devices are the same

as a result of the comparison, controlling the validity of each token by comparing the

sums of network remaining duration times of the respective controlled devices

registered in the lists.

40.   (currently amended): A method of providing a list of controlled devices,

comprising:

receiving, in a controlled device, notify messages from other controlled devices

connected in a network, wherein each of the notify messages includes an operational

state of the transmitting controlled device;

collecting service information on the controlled devices connected in the network

through the received notify messages and generating a list of controlled devices,

wherein the list of controlled devices includes the operational state of each of the

controlled devices;

requesting, by a control point, information on a specific controlled device;

searching for, by the controlled device, the information regarding the specific

controlled device requested by the control point, in the generated list;

transmitting the information on the searched specific controlled device

generating a token by each controlled device;

transferring the token to another controlled device, wherein the token transferring

comprises:

checking, by the controlled device, the number of controlled devices in the

list of controlled devices stored in a device list management module of the

controlled device;

if it is determined that the number of controlled devices in the list is more

than two, transferring the token and the stored list of controlled devices to

another controlled device;

checking whether a response message is received from the other

controlled devices and operating a self-timer of the controlled device; and

if the response message is received from the other controlled device,

stopping the self-timer and operating a waiting timer of the controlled device; and

if the response message is not received from the other controlled device:

deleting, by the controlled device, the other controlled device, which has

not transmitted the response message, from the list of controlled devices stored

in the device list management module; and

notifying, by the controlled device, the control point that the controlled

device, which has not transmitted the response message, does not exist in the

network.

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41.   (canceled).

42.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim [[]]40, wherein the

searching is performed when the token is present in the controlled device as a result of

checking whether the token is present in the controlled device.

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43-44. (canceled).

45.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim [[]]40, wherein the

list transferring comprises modifying the list of controlled devices so that the controlled

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device which has transferred the list becomes the last in the list, and identifying a

controlled device, which has been recorded as the first in the modified list, as a

controlled device to which the list will be transferred.

46.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim [[44]]40, wherein the

self-timer checks a response time of the other controlled devices to which the token is

transferred.

47.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim [[44]]40, wherein the

waiting timer checks the total circulation time of the token for controlled devices existing

in the network.

48.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim [[44]]40, further

comprising:

if a token is not received from other controlled devices even after the operation of

the waiting timer is completed, automatically generating a token.

49.   (canceled).

50.   (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim [[44]]40, further

comprising:

if the response message is not received from the other controlled device,

transferring the token and the stored list of controlled devices to a further controlled

device by the controlled device.

51.   (original): The method as claimed in claim 46, further comprising:

if a plurality of tokens are present in controlled devices existing in the network,

performing negotiation for controlling the validity of each token.

52.   (original): The method as claimed in claim 51, wherein the negotiation

comprises:

controlling the validity of each token by comparing the numbers of controlled

devices in lists of controlled devices held by the respective controlled devices having

the tokens.

53.   (original): The method as claimed in claim 52, wherein the negotiation

further comprises:

if the numbers of controlled devices in the lists of controlled devices are the same

as a result of the comparison, controlling the validity of each token by comparing the

sums of network remaining duration times of the respective controlled devices

registered in the lists.

54.   (canceled).

Reasons for Allowance

1.   Claims 13-26,28, 31-34, 36-38, 39-40, 42,45,46,47,48,50-53 will be allowed.

2.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art references most closely resembling the applicant's claimed invention are Danknick et al (U.S. 6,021,429) in view of Holloway et al (U.S. 5,905,859).

First Danknick disclosed a network deice that operates as a list manager on a network. The network device, acting as the list manager, maintains "a list of device addresses for the LAN." As illustrated in Figure 8, the list contains an Internet Protocol (IP) address of each device, a type of device, and manufacture. Danknick failed to disclose "generating a token by each controlled device; transferring the token to another controlled device, wherein the token transferring comprises: checking, by the controlled device, the number of controlled devices in the list of controlled devices stored in a device list management module of the controlled device; if it is determined that the number of controlled devices in the list is more than two, transferring the token and the stored list of controlled devices to another controlled device; checking whether a response message is received from the other controlled devices and operating a self-timer of the controlled device; and if the response message is received from the other

controlled device, stopping the self-timer and operating a waiting timer of the controlled

device; and if the response message is not received from the other controlled device;

deleting, by the controlled device, the other controlled device, which has not transmitted

the response message, from the list of controlled devices stored in the device list

management module; and notifying, by the controlled device, the control point that the

controlled device, which has not transmitted the response message, does not exist in

the network" (claim 1, 26, 40).

Second Holloway disclosed a managed hub that, in response to receiving a filter set

frame, sets a file corresponding to an intruding MAN address. The filter set frame is

received from interconnect devices in a network in response to a network security

breach. However Holloway failed to disclose "generating a token by each controlled

device; transferring the token to another controlled device, wherein the token

transferring comprises: checking, by the controlled device, the number of controlled

devices in the list of controlled devices stored in a device list management module of

the controlled device; if it is determined that the number of controlled devices in the list

is more than two, transferring the token and the stored list of controlled devices to

another controlled device; checking whether a response message is received from the

other controlled devices and operating a self-timer of the controlled device; and if the

response message is received from the other controlled device, stopping the self-timer

and operating a waiting timer of the controlled device; and if the response message is

not received from the other controlled device; deleting, by the controlled device, the

other controlled device, which has not transmitted the response message, from the list

of controlled devices stored in the device list management module; and notifying, by

the controlled device, the control point that the controlled device, which has not

transmitted the response message, does not exist in the network" (claims 1,26,40).

In summary, the Examiner submits that neither Danknick, nor Holloway teaches all the

limitations of independent claims in combination with other elements. Specifically prior

art does not teach "generating a token by each controlled device; transferring the token

to another controlled device, wherein the token transferring comprises: checking, by the

controlled device, the number of controlled devices in the list of controlled devices

stored in a device list management module of the controlled device; if it is determined

that the number of controlled devices in the list is more than **two**, transferring the token

and the stored list of controlled devices to another controlled device; checking whether

a response message is received from the other controlled devices and operating a self-

timer of the controlled device; and if the response message is received from the other

controlled device, stopping the self-timer and operating a waiting timer of the controlled

device; and if the response message is not received from the other controlled device;

deleting, by the controlled device, the other controlled device, which has not transmitted

the response message, from the list of controlled devices stored in the device list

management module; and notifying, by the controlled device, the control point that the

controlled device, which has not transmitted the response message, does not exist in

the network"; therefore, claims 13-26,28, 31-34, 36-38, 39-40, 42,45,46,47,48,50-53

have been deemed allowable over the prior art.

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